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1. In the Border Guard training centers the discipline is bearable and mostly dependent upon the conscience of the individual soldiers since they are members of the Communist Party and are so organized. Most mistakes are made by members of the Union of Laboring Youth (UTM) and by the unorganized soldiers. There were several cases of non-execution of orders given by superiors: two soldiers refused several times to carry out the orders of the company commander and were given jail punishments. Even this had no great effect. One of the soldiers cut off two fingers from his hand and both were sent before the Military Tribunal which imposed sentences of five years for the soldier who cut off his fingers, and three years for the other.
2. On the border, the discipline is hard and brutal. Soldiers are imprisoned and even sent to the interior for very minor offenses. There were two instances in which two soldiers spoke of the good life in Yugoslavia and of the Yugoslav Border Guards. They were transferred to the interior. Any contact with civilians is forbidden to the border guard.
3. Morale is very poor on the frontier and in the training centers. From conversations with guards on the frontier, informant learned that the soldiers would escape en masse if it were not for fear of reprisals against their families.
4. Border guard training centers are located as follows:
 - a. The 2 Border Guard Regiment training center, Braila;
 - b. The 4 Border Guard Regiment training center, Barlad;
 - c. The 5 Border Guard Regiment training center, Arad;
 - d. The 10 Border Guard Regiment training center, Oradea; and
 - e. The 9 Border Guard Regiment training center, Orsova.

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Border guard training centers also exist in Timisoara, Salonta and Lugoj
but it is not known to which regiment they belong.

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